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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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YASUHIRO SHIMADA ET AL.)
: Group Art Unit: 2878
Application No.: 09/879,905)
: Filed: June 14, 2001)
: For: PROBE WITH HOLLOW)
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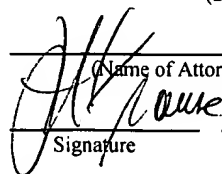
Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated March 29, 2004, please amend the above-identified application prior to the continued examination thereof pursuant to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination.

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